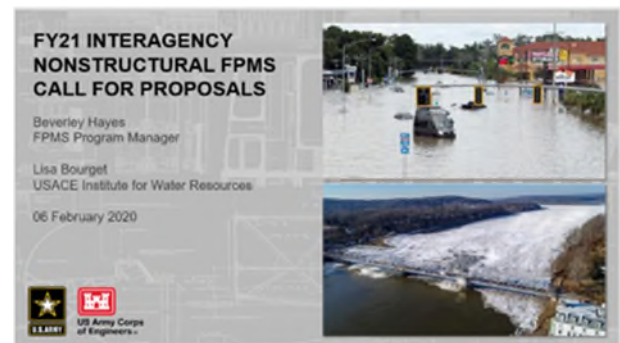


FY Interagency Nonstructural FPMS Call for Proposals Webinar

February 6, 2020

Q&A Session

This webinar provided an overview of the FY21 Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Interagency Nonstructural Call for Proposals, which was issued in November 2019. The goal of the FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Call for Proposals is to facilitate interagency flood risk management outcomes and collaboratively leverage multiple agency resources and authorities. The webinar was presented by Beverley Hayes (FPMS Program Manager) and Lisa Bourget (Institute for Water Resources) and focused on reviewing the process and schedule for proposal submission and evaluation, offering tips and cautions, reviewing select examples, and addressing questions.



This summary of the Question / Answer session of the webinar is not a transcription; questions and responses have been edited and reordered for clarity.

Proposal Requirements

Can a team at the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) submit a proposal?

ERDC teams should not submit FPMS proposals. The district is the outward face of USACE for this program and the point of contact for our external partners; therefore, districts should be the lead and submit FPMS Interagency Nonstructural proposals. As needed, the district may turn to ERDC, Centers of Expertise, or other parts of USACE for support when pulling together information and/or working with proposal partners, and may reflect needed assistance in the proposal.

If ERDC is aware of a potential FPMS proposal that is appropriate for the Interagency Nonstructural program, it should consider reaching out to the district to partner on the submission.

Is community participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) a requirement to be considered for FPMS funding?

No, participation in the NFIP is not a requirement to be considered for FPMS funding.

Engaging with Communities

When a non-federal sponsor calls USACE to discuss an inundation problem, how does a district decide whether it's most appropriate to use FPMS or another USACE program or funding source (e.g., Continuing Authorities Program [CAP] or General Investigations) to address the issue?

FPMS funds district personnel to provide existing data, develop technical information, or perform analysis on specific floodplain or flood-related issues. This type of work is intended to produce information that a public entity needs to better address floods and flood-related concerns and protect a community – the point of FPMS is not to lead to a construction project, but to facilitate informed decisions and actions. Ultimately, USACE personnel should use their professional expertise to identify the program that would be most appropriate to meet the needs of the community and the problem in question – whether it be through USACE [or another federal agency program](#). Note: Specific questions regarding potential FPMS proposals can be directed to Beverley or Lisa.

Is it appropriate for a district to reach out to a community if there is a known issue that could be addressed by an FPMS proposal, or should districts wait for communities to contact them?

Districts may be proactive and reach out to communities within their areas of responsibility to educate them on available USACE technical services and programs, including FPMS. Communities, especially smaller and less affluent ones, often don't know that USACE can help address flooding issues at minimal cost to them through this program.